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# Are You a SHARP Business?



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Health  
Achievement  
Recognition  
Program

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# **SHARP**

## **WHAT IS IT?**

The Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) provides incentives and support to smaller, high-hazard employers that work with their employees to develop, implement and continuously improve the effectiveness of their workplace safety and health programs. SHARP is a program of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) consultative services program operated through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

To promote effective management and to provide model programs for others to follow, SHARP recognizes employers who operate exemplary safety and health programs at their worksites that result in immediate and long term prevention of job-related injuries and illnesses. This is achieved by:

- Encouraging employers to use OSHA consultation services and to involve their employees in establishing fully effective safety and health programs.
- Providing public recognition of employers and employees who have worked together successfully to establish exemplary programs, and who have met other specified conditions.
- Exempting employers from general scheduled OSHA enforcement inspections and removing them from the inspection list.

# Do I Qualify?

If you are a single fixed worksite, have at least one (1) year of operating history and employ not more than 250 employees at the site (500 nationwide), **you can qualify.**



## What Must I Do?

To request initial pursuit of SHARP you must agree to:

- A full service consultation survey (safety and health).
- A full management audit designed to address the continued control of hazards through implementing the elements of an effective safety and health program.
- Involve employees in the development, operation and improvement of all elements of the workplace safety and health program.
- Work with us for a period of at least one year from the date of the initial visit to:
  - ★ Correct all identified hazards and provide written confirmation that all hazards have been corrected.
  - ★ Implement all elements of an effective safety and health program.
  - ★ Lower your LWDI rate.



- ★ Consult in advance with us on any changes in working conditions or work processes which might introduce a new hazard in the workplace.
- ★ Notify us at the end of one year and request a second full service visit to continue in SHARP.

## No Cost Program

Do you want to get started saving money by reducing your potential for losses due to occupational injuries and related costs, thus increasing your profits? We will work with you at each step.

Join the group of elite Illinois companies who have done just that. Here's how you get started . . .

**Call us at**

**1-800/972-4216 or**

**Write us at**

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# What Others Say About The Program

**SHARE** Ms. Keri Alwin, Director of Marketing/Safety Officer, Laser Technologies, Inc. in Batavia, Illinois, says:

*"The SHARP Program provided the assistance and support we needed to establish a solid, effective safety and health program. The benefits of participation were seen with an immediate reduction in our average lost workday rate, from 12.57 to 0, and a decrease in workman's compensation insurance of almost 20% per year."*

**SHARE** Mr. Toby Rogers, President, Rogers Ready-Mix & Materials, Inc. of Freeport, Illinois, says:

*"We have been actively working on improving our safety environment. With the assistance of the SHARP program, we now have one of the lowest workers' compensation experience mods (.56) in the state. Our appreciation goes out to DCEO and OSHA for this excellent pro-active program."*



**It's government, business and employees working together to achieve excellence.**

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